



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

March 22, 2026 10:15 AM

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Chalice: Ava James

Lector: Greg Cigal

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Intercessor: Linda Crocker

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

The Word of God

Prelude

“Siciliano in G Minor”

J. S. Bach arr. Aubrey Tucker

Opening Hymn #204

“Now the green blade riseth”

Noël nouvelet

The Celebrant says

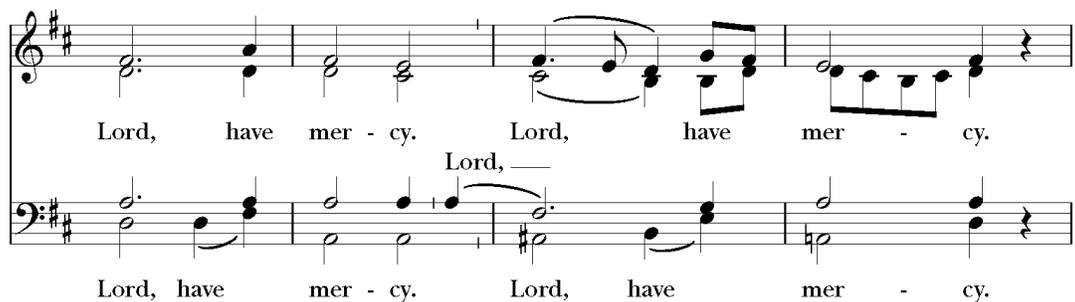
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant

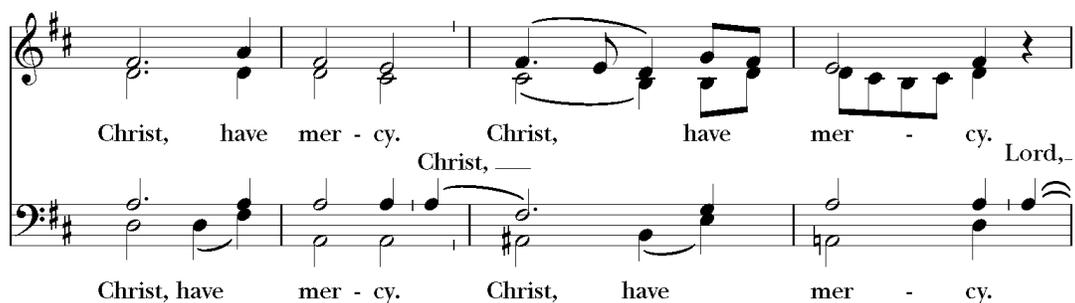
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie #S96



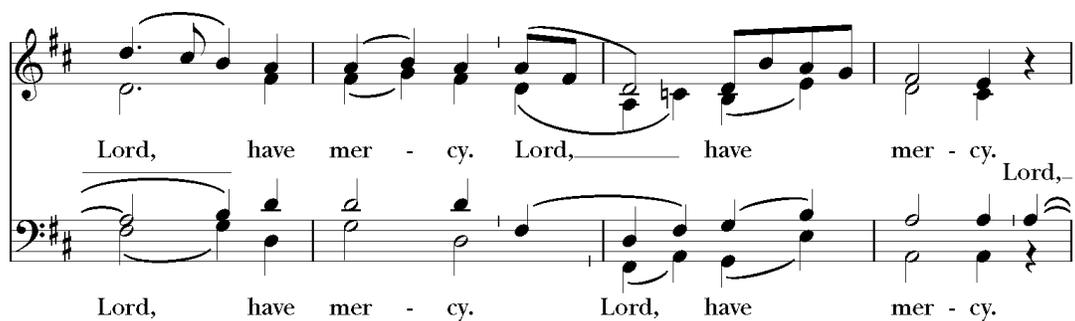
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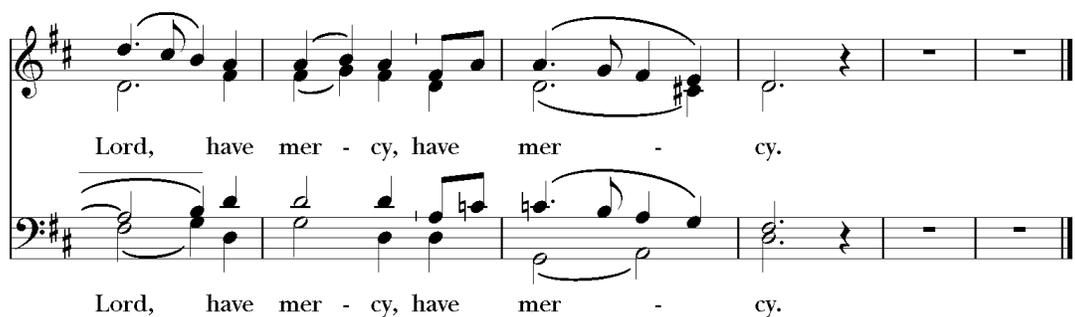
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel (37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
 for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:6-11)

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn #508

“Breathe on me, Breath of God”

Nova Vita

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (11:1-45)
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this,

he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Godly Play

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel.*

(Response for each prayer)

Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the most high.

Offertory Music "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(All stand when music concludes. Financial offerings brought forward as Celebrant says)

Celebrant All things come from thee, O Lord.
People **Of thine own have we given thee.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*Celebrant and People*) (*next page*)

Dimmock

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,___
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est.____ *Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord.____ Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est.____

The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant and People

Fraction Hymn #S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he is us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Music "Lord, I Need You" Shelly Hamilton

Post Communion Hymn (pg. 10) (vs. 3-4) "Come ye souls by sin afflicted" Words: Joseph Swain
(alt. Twit) Music: Kevin Twit

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Anniversaries and Birthdays: Peggy Squires

Solemn Prayer

Bow down before the Lord. *(The people kneel.)*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #662 "Abide with me" *Eventide*

The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain for the postlude as you are able.

Postlude "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Mark Hayes

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The war in the Mideast	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Israel and Gaza	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Ann Stevens– healing	Margy Yocum – healing
Victims of gun violence	Susan Allander - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Gene Allander - healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing
Crystal Proper – healing	Julie Stover - healing	Nicole Combs – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Amanda Morris – healing	Diane Cottrill – healing
Bob Fielder – healing	Vicki Fielder - healing	

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces
Sterling Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Hal Foss	Alana Dailey	John Stevens	Lois Switzer
Everett Gilmore	Faith Beha	Gary Greer	Mirtala Smith
Charles Sterchak	Ellen Faymon	Wilbur Lemmon	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday nights in Lent: Join your church community for a potluck meal on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM followed by a program with Katie Beth “Walking As Jesus”. We will explore how in our work, volunteering, or even in the grocery store, we can practice being Jesus to and for other people. We will finish by 8 PM.

Rummage News – Deb is back working on the change over from winter to spring. She welcomes donations of household goods, especially bedding, and small furniture items, as well as spring clothing. The first sale of 2026 will be April 10 & 11.

Easter Flowers – The Easter Flowers deadline is next Sunday, March 29th. If you would like to give money for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special event or person in your life, please place your Easter Flowers envelope or check in the offering plate or let Ginger know in the office. In the memo section, please write “Easter Flowers”. Remember to write a separate check from your pledge, since these go into two different checking accounts. Be sure to enclose a note as to what you would like printed in the bulletin insert. There is no set dollar amount for Easter Flowers.

Easter Offering – This year’s Easter offering will be split between Open Sky Arts Collective and Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD). The Open Sky Arts Collective offers a week-long Vacation Bible School for kids with a focus on the arts and sports. ERD partners with locally led organizations to promote lasting change in communities in the US and around the world impacted by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change. Please donate using your Easter envelope or by check with “Easter Offering” in the memo line.

Last Sunday Supper – Next Sunday, March 29th is the Last Sunday Supper for our neighborhood. Set-up and cooking begins at 1PM. All servers are asked to be here at 5:15 PM to begin serving at 5:30 PM.

Holy Week Schedule:

- March 29 **Palm Sunday** at 10:15 AM
 Last Sunday Supper – cooking at 1 PM, serving at 5 PM
- April 2 **Maundy Thursday**
 Service of Holy Communion & Foot Washing at 7 PM
 Watch Vigil begins at 9 PM
- April 3 **Good Friday**
 Watch Vigil ends at Noon
 Stations of the Cross at Noon
 Good Friday Service at 7 PM
 (with Communion from the reserved sacraments)
- April 4 **Easter Vigil, Service of Easter at 7:30 PM at Good Shepherd**
 (choral music from combined choir with Trinity)
- April 5 **Easter Day Service at 10:15 AM**
 followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt**